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Provide for the Election of Poor Law Guardians by Ballot A.D. 1876.
in Ireland.

WHIEREAS it is expedient to provide that in all contested elections for poor law guardians in Ireland the poll shall be taken by ballot :

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. From and after the *first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven* in all contested elections for poor law guardians in Ireland the poll shall be taken by ballot.

2. Before the *first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven* the Local Government Board of Ireland shall frame and issue a sealed order regulating the mode in which elections of poor law guardians in Ireland by ballot shall be carried out, and such sealed order may be varied or amended from time to time by the Local Government Board of Ireland by sealed order : Provided always, that every sealed order shall provide that the poll at an election for a poor law guardian in Ireland shall be taken in the electoral division for which the guardian is proposed to be elected.

3. The returning officer at an election for a poor law guardian in Ireland may use, free of charge, for the purpose of taking a poll at such election, any room in any national school house, constabulary barracks, or court or seclusion house in Ireland which may be convenient for the purpose.

4. Every voter entitled to more than one vote may give such votes to one candidate, or may distribute such votes among the candidates as he may think fit.

5. This Act may be cited as "The Poor Law Guardians Election (Ireland) Act, 1876."

[Bill 88.]

From 1st March 1877 votes at poor law contested elections shall be taken by ballot.

The Local Government Board of Ireland shall frame regulations for having votes at poor law contested elections taken by ballot.

School houses, constabulary barracks, &c. may be used for taking the poll at poor law elections.

Cumulative voting shall be allowed at contested poor law elections.

Title of the Act.

Poor Law Guardians
Elections (Ireland).

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